



NEWSLETTER

February 2023



Official Newsletter of the Austin Seven Register of Qld. Inc. (formed 1967)

Cars seen in the carpark at the Christmas Break UP party



It was very nice to see some proper Vintage Cars at the Christmas Break Up. Left to right we have the Potts' family Chummy, Justin McKeering's Chummy and Dick Sorenson's Chrysler 80 Special. Behind them, with their face pointing away in sham, are several universal jelly mould shaped moderns. You would think the owners would have gone for other colours than silver or white, but I suppose it reflects the heat of a Queensland summer! Incidentally, Chrysler nearly ended up with a lawsuit from General Motors in the 1920s over its use of those Vauxhall style bonnet flutes on Dick's car!

**Congratulations to those who were officially “Certified” at our Christmas Party!!!
(Awarded for continuous years of membership of the Austin 7 Register of Qld.)
(President Steve is presenting the honours)**



Alan Couser - 40-years



Doug and Robyn Clark - 40-years



Keith and Noela Collins - 50-years



Peter Baker - 50-years



Peter and Gail Cahalane - 50-years



Ross and Rhonda Guthrie - 50-years

Editorial Comments

I hope everyone had a great time over Christmas and a nice New Years Eve. It has been a very busy time with lots of club events as well as a chance to catch up with family after the past 3 years of covid confusion.

For the first time in 4 years, I have travelled outside Australia. For Christmas I went over to New Zealand to see my family, especially to meet a lovely little 4-month-old Great Niece, along with family duties in Wellington and trekking over to Kapiti Island (a bush covered wildlife sanctuary) and a few days up at New Plymouth (The weather was superb!) and as usual I had my camera ready.

One highlight was the Tawhiti Museum at Hawera which is world class with full sized and miniature tableaux of pioneering life, including several model cars in realistic settings. Can't wait to return!

As a result of having my name and email address on this publication we do receive a lot of newsletters from other clubs, one is the Vintage Car Club of Qld. magazine, ably edited by Peter Ransom, who literally lives just around the corner to me. One thing that Peter and his wife Jenni have done, is to sell their 1929 Hudson Sedan. The car was an older restoration, but in very good order for the price. Like most of us they advertised in car in club magazines, but were not getting many enquiries, so despite an initial reluctance they tried



Facebook Marketplace. Peter is good with computers and soon posted an advert along with a collection of pictures, and within a short time after the post was placed several serious enquiries about the Hudson were flowing through. Peter posted the advert on Monday morning and had the car sold at full price and money in the bank late the following afternoon. Early Thursday morning the new owner arrived with a trailer, loaded up and headed off to Nanango. Pleasingly he already owned another vintage car. So all I can say, is that if you have experienced difficulty selling your car or parts in the newsletter, try widening your horizons, there could be potentially lots of interested people out there, but not yet in a club.

PS It was lovely to receive my 40-year membership Certificate.

Only 3 more years till I get my 50th!!

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

We have a website which you can view at. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

austin7.org.au/events & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2022-2023

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I have listed on the A7 Website that have been cancelled or postponed.

Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.



Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites. Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is. Happy Motoring and stay safe & well in these difficult times,

Neil Thayer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master

Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register Website: <http://austin7.org.au/>

Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force while participating in an Event.

EVENTS FOR 2023

Friday 10th February: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th February: A7 Register February Event: Librarian & Treasurer's Valentine's Day Run. This event organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559) will commence from the Carindale Clubrooms Carpark at 9am. The Run will head east to Wellington Point and then north to the Jordan residence at Wynnum for Morning Tea & Lunch. BYO Morning Tea. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided for Lunch, or if you prefer, BYO BBQ food for cooking. Participants may BYO alternative Lunch if preferred. BYO drinks, eating & drinking utensils and chairs.

Friday 10th March: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th March: A7 Register March Event: A7 Club President's Run. This event is to be organised by Steve Davidson 0418 814 501 and will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. Further details to be announced.

Sunday 26th March: (External Event) 36th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs or smoking allowed on school grounds.

Friday 14th April: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16 April: A7 Register Event – A Day at the Bay 2. This Run will be organised by Hugh & Judy Cullen (ph. 0412 096 186) and is to commence from the Carindale Clubrooms at 9am and travel to the Cleveland area. Further details of this run will be disclosed closer to the time. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Sunday 7th May: (External Event) LAMA Annual Swap Meet organised by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Friday 12th May: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st May: A7 May Event - Our Club has been invited to attend the **Inaugural National Motoring Heritage Weekend** organised by the QHMC and BVRC at Ormiston State School.

Saturday: Static Display from 7am – public from 9am – activities, stalls, displays. Sunday: Assemble 8am for one of three Runs. \$5 cash/car. \$2 cash/public. RSVP or enquiries: president@qhmc.net.au or phone: 0413 553 173.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 619, 9th December 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the Christmas meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all, stating it will be a quick meeting so we can have our Xmas Supper.

Attendance: 21 members signed the attendance Book

Apologies: J McKeering, L&S Jordon. M Thompson, P&G Cahalane

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the November Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by T Bale. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs (emailed out to members)

Qld Government re account for the Office of Fair Trading

Phone calls & emails from various members re Xmas Party

Message from Laurie Topping re the passing of Kay (3rd Dec)

OUT: K&D Clowes membership card

Forms to the Accountant

Sympathy Cards to Mary McCorkindale & Laurie Topping

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by David Neville. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Trevor M gave the report on Sharon's behalf, Then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by A Couser. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made a few sales.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug reported Rob Willkie's A7 sold. & Handed over money made from scrap metal. Mike Hawthorne also made a purchase.

Editors Report: Newsletters ready to post.

Dating Officer Report: NIL

Web Master Report: All up to date. Please inform Neil of any events or postponed events so he can keep the website updated.

Club Events:

15th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale & get together, Boronia Heights 9am to 1 pm

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School, 6.30am

12th Feb Valentine's Day Run organised by Lindsay. Meet Clubrooms 9am

12th March Presidents Run, Meet Centenary Pool 9am

Other Events:

28th-29th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Showgrounds
Feb 2023 Toowoomba Swap CANCELLED
7th-11th March AOA, Orange
26th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School
20th-21st May National Motoring Heritage Weekend

Past Events:

A7 run organised by Hugh Cullen. Check website for details.

Library Report: NIL

General Business:

Robyn asked members to please collect their new Register & Parts Books.

John Q told everyone there are 10.000 photos on the A7 Centenary in the UK

Raffle: Valda selling tickets but will be drawn at the Xmas Party

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Russell C & Brett R have had trouble with the motors in their A7

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in December wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. Thoughts with Ron Toy

Supper Organiser: Thank you everyone for your contributions to tonight's supper.

January Organiser Karen Matthews

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th January 2023

Meeting Closed: 8.15 pm.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL & SAFE MOTORING IN 2023!!

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 620, 13th January 2023

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.50pm with a Happy New Year to all, & thanked them for coming.

Attendance: 20 members signed the book

Apologies: I&V McDowell, P Baker

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the December Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: RACQ Motorfest 18th June

QHMC November minutes & numbers required for National Motoring Heritage Weekend

MYOB Account

Phone calls from various members re 2nd Hand parts

Phone call re the passing of Landa Kelly (*Landa/Yolanda and Jack were social members in the 1990s.*)

Email re Gold Coast Autorama 27/28th May

Maclean's Bridge Sport & Classic Car Festival CANCELLED for 2023

Vintage Car Club re Rent

Email from Geoff Dale asking for cars to be photographed on his 110-year-old camera.

Email from Tony John re photo of a Brookland A7

OUT: Register & Parts Books to members

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Ted B. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: No response for National Motoring Heritage Weekend

Tim will correspond with Geoff Dale. (*I have sent Geoff a list of possible, he lives in NZ and his camera is a Graflex*)

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave this report & moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Neil T. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had 2 sales for the month.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug has made some sales from phone calls.

Editors Report: NIL

Dating Officer's Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has the website up to date & events listed to May.

Club Events:

15th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale & get together, Boronia Heights. 9am to 1pm
26th Jan Australia Day Ormiston State School organised by the Bayside Club 6.30am
12th Feb Valentine's Day Run organised by Lindsay, Meet Clubrooms 9am
12th March Presidents Run, meet Centenary Pool 9am
16th April Hugh Cullen to organise.

Other Events:

28th-29th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Showgrounds
FEB 2023 Toowoomba Swap CANCELLED
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20th-21st May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds
27th-28th May Gold Coast Autorama

Past Events:

A7 Christmas Party (60 People) & The Presidents Round Trip
Information on our website.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: A BIG Thank you to Neil for producing our 40- & 50-year Membership Certificates.

Raffle: Elaine M selling tickets in tonight's Raffle

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Nil

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in January wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Karen for tonight's supper.

February = Rhonda Guthrie

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 10th February 2023

Meeting closed: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Robyn



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Greg and Julie Morris have a 1927 Sports, Greg was a member previously in about 1992 and 1995. The car is undergoing a repaint and rebuild.

The Committee warmly welcomes Greg and his family back to the club.

PAST RUNS AND EVENTS REPORTS

A7 Xmas Lunch – Sunday 11 December 2022

Sunday was a sunny day, not too hot, perfect weather for the much-anticipated A7 Register annual Xmas Lunch at our Clubrooms in Carindale.

At around 11am, almost 60 A7 Club members and Mimi (the dog) began to arrive at the Clubrooms, most in modern cars, with the exception of Justin McKeering and Matt Potts in their A7s. The Sorensen's arrived in their very impressive (and very large) 1924 Chrysler 80. The inside of the Club had been transformed into a Xmas-themed dining room, with tables set out for groups of six and decorated with Xmas tablecloths and centrepieces. There was much chatter and laughter, before everyone took a seat for lunch with their fellow Club members.



Justin and Dick share a good story while checking out Dick's Chrysler 77 Special

President Steve welcomed everyone and announced that lunch was served. Members were served a delicious meal of roast chicken, leg ham, bread rolls, coleslaw, cheese slices, beetroot, lettuce, tomato, pineapple, and cucumber. Everyone enjoyed their lunch with banter across the tables, and some returned for second helpings.

Presentations of special certificates were then made by President Steve to those who have been longstanding continuous members of the Club. Members receiving a 40-Year Membership Certificate were Doug & Robyn Clark, Tim Braby and Alan Couser. Other members not present to receive their 40-Year Membership Certificate were Ken Folliott, Dennis & Lyn Gillbard, Aileen Potts,

Joyce Dannenberg and Ian Waring. Those receiving a 50-Year Membership Certificate were Peter & Gail Cahalane, Keith & Noela Collins, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, and Peter Baker. Other members not present to receive their 50-Year Membership Certificate were Ron & Daphne Toy, and Greg Riddell. Peter Baker, being a founding member of the Club, then gave a short speech on those enjoyable early days of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland.



*Left The party,
Above Peter Baker and President Steve*

It was then time for dessert – amazing individual trifles made by First Lady Helen, or alternatively fruit mince pies with vanilla bean custard. The trifles were delicious, with red jelly, cake, fruit pieces, custard,

blueberries, cream with chocolate flakes on top. All serving glasses were scraped until they were almost clean.



It was then time to draw the Xmas raffles, after a few more last-minute ticket sales by our hard-working Raffle Coordinator, Valda. As each winner was drawn, they chose from an array of 12 prizes, including a fruit basket, beer, calendars, a cheese board, snacks, a scratchie Xmas tree, tappet spanners and a hand-made leadlight Xmas decoration crafted by Neil. The lucky winners were Hugh & Judy, Ross & Rhonda, Joe & Margaret, Steve, Ted, Trevor & Elaine, Peter & Gail, Mike & Jo, Peter & Jo, Doug & Robyn, and Justin & Patti.

A big thank you to all involved in organising today's event and to the many members who helped with

purchasing and preparing the food, serving the food and cleaning-up and washing-up. A special thanks to Secretary Robyn for her excellent organisational skills that always result in an enjoyable and well-coordinated Xmas lunch, and to First Lady Helen for her time and effort in preparing individual desserts for everyone to enjoy.

After words of thanks for attending and best wishes for a safe festive season by President Steve, the clean-up began with lots of members pitching in, making the task quicker and easier. With the final exchange of Xmas wishes, everyone headed for their respective homes.



Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all Club members!

Run report written by Karyn & Neil

The Long Drive #2 Christmas 2022 – 28th Dec. **2022**

There always seems to be a bit of time spare between Christmas and New Years and if it's not blisteringly hot then it's an ideal time to complete a long drive. Last year I did a loop out to Warwick, passing Queen Mary Falls on the way out and Gatton on the way back. This year I chose to complete a loop with Kilcoy as the target destination.

My objective with these runs is slightly different to most drives, I want to get out of my comfort zone. I think maybe I should call it a "trial" and not a drive? My thought process when planning the route is as follows;

Distance – A distance that makes me think "I have no idea how I'd get back to home if I breakdown"



Terrain – Serious hills and bendy backroads are the preferred over high-speed main roads

Surfaces – Ideally a mix with a sprinkling of potholes and gravel to keep me on my toes, a water crossing or two would be ideal

Reliability – My perfect run would be one where I breakdown but then repair it well enough to get home. In any case I want something that will make me think about what's coming with me by way of tools and spare parts.

I headed off at 0415 hoping the later part of the drive wouldn't be in the hot afternoon and it's just nice to give the headlights something to do. First climb was up Gap Creek road and sure enough spotted a small roo in the middle of the road.

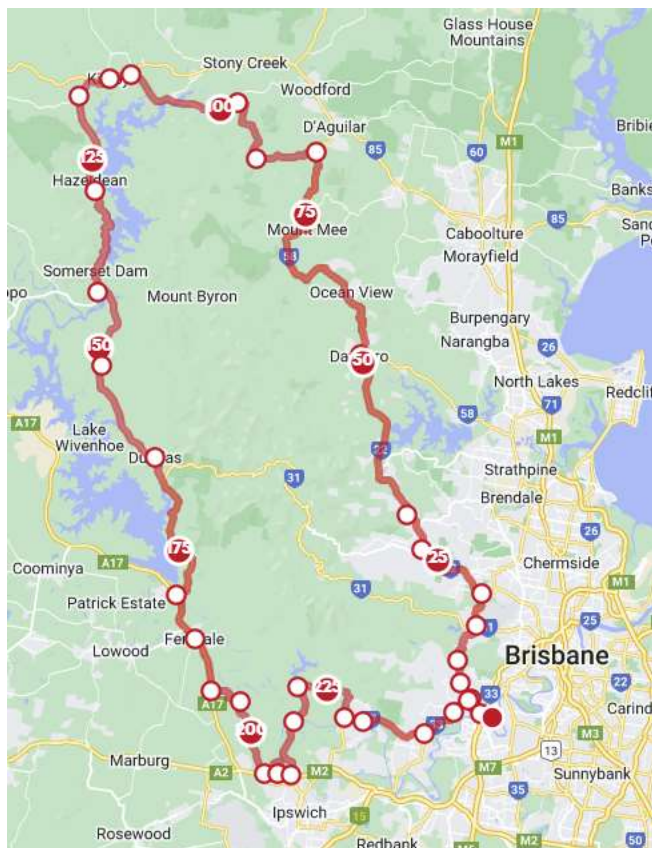
Soon enough I was clear of Brisbane suburbia and had a solid climb up Mount Mee. The temperature dropped quickly and just as soon as I had a long sleeve shirt on there was a few spots of rain on the windscreen. By the time I got to Dahmengah lookout it was bucketing down. I pulled into the park, cursed myself for not brining the hood, turned the seat upside down to keep it dry, shivered and tried to think about how hot it would be in a few hours.

After about 30 minutes the rain had slowed so it was time to get moving again. Not long into this leg and I notice that the ignition light has a slight glow, not bright, but an indication that something was not right. Got to the start of Delaney Creek road, thought about taking the conservative route through D'Aguilar, but instead turned left and to climb up Mount Delaney. Beautiful country but lots of wildlife, no sign of the Yowie that frequents this part of Queensland.

After a 115km I reached Kilcoy around 8am, it was raining again but maybe not as cold as it was earlier on. Bacon eggs coffee and a chat with the locals about the car. Topped up the tank with 10 litres of fuel, every second car here seems to be towing a ski boat.

Start heading for home down the west side of Lake Wivenhoe, the roads a bit wider and the hills less severe on this stretch. Stopped for a photo at Somerset Dam and while I was there cleaned up the dynamo brushes and thus extinguished the ignition light issue.

Encountered a few steep jump-ups as I headed south but generally good going, easy driving here gave me plenty of time to think about what I'd get for morning tea at the Fernvale Bakery.



Seemed like half of SEQ was at Fernvale, plenty of bikers and a smattering of classic cars mostly American muscle. One gentleman wandered up for a chat and mentioned that he'd done his apprenticeship at BMC and asked if he could have a peek under the hood. Of course, I obliged but wished I hadn't. Oil had started to weep out of one of the head studs. I assumed that oil was a message from Mr Head Gasket to say "hi, just letting you know that I think I might fail soon". I considered my options, pull off the head and put on my spare gasket or just ignore it and hope it holds on for another 50km till I got home.

After checking the oil and water decide to push on and make sure I keep an eye on the motometer for any spike in temp.

Plenty of hills around Kholo but I'm sure that's not the reason I missed my turn to the east. No drama just means a bit of extra distance and I detoured via Lake Manchester Road instead.

Over Mount Crosby you see the Brisbane River and I'm starting to think I'm going to make it. Before I knew it I was pulling up at home with around 245km completed in 6.5 hours. A little shorter than the 365km last year but still a good hit-out.

The average pace was a very comfortable, even on the best roads I don't think I was going much over 70km/h. My diff is not really set up for long high-speed (ha ha) running and I sometimes wonder if I should

consider a taller ratio for runs like this? But the reality is that I'm in no rush and let's be honest it's an A7 and they're not known for crashworthiness so keeping the terminal speed down is probably a good practice. For sure I'll be doing a similar trial again next year and might even try to fit in a winter run. If anyone thinks they'd be interested in doing a run like this I'd always be keen for company. If we left Brisbane at 5am and you had to be back in Brisbane for a drink and dinner at 6pm I wonder how far you could get?

Kilcoy Loop total distances:

Brisbane to Kilcoy 114km via Dayboro, Mount Mee and Mount Delaney

Kilcoy to Home 131km via Somerset Dam, Dundas, Fernvale and Kho (= 247km total!)

Steve Davidson (President at large!)

Monster Second-Hand A7 Parts New Year Sale & Sunday Funday Morning Tea

15 January 2023

The Sunday morning peace in Boronia Heights was broken by the arrival to Doug and Robyn's house of 32 Austin 7 Register of Queensland members and their guests. The day was one of the Club's official January events – a combined social gathering and sale of the Club's second-hand parts. While no one drove their A7, Lyn arrived in his A10, the McDowells in their Lancer, and the Cahalanes in their MGB. Others, such as the McCullochs with Peter Dorman, had travelled a long distance to attend the event (and purchase parts). Those present divided themselves quickly into two groups – the ones interested in viewing and buying second-hand parts in the sheds, and those more interested in having a cuppa and a chat under the shade of Doug & Robyn's wonderful timber-framed gazebo. The arrival of one of our more recent members, David Neville and his mum Molly (a long-time A7 member), with his vintage Morris in tow and in need of work, created much interest among those present. It also didn't go unnoticed that our Sunshine Coast member, Trevor, purchased an entire boot load of A7 second-hand parts for his future projects. Following many other sales by Trevor & Doug, members who had previously been focused on the second-hand parts gradually wandered out of the sheds, some carrying various A7 components in their hands, to join those having a cuppa. There was much chatter with lots of laughter, eating of morning tea sweets, and admiring of the beautiful Clark gardens attracting a myriad of friendly bird species.

From around 11am after morning tea, some attendees said their goodbyes, while others settled in for lunch, with the last people departing around 2pm.

A big thank you to Doug & Robyn for hosting this most successful event. The event was also a great opportunity to catch up with some A7 members who rarely attend our regular events. Not only was the garden setting and jovial company enjoyable, but the Club also made a few dollars from the sales of second-hand parts. Perhaps this event should be held annually!

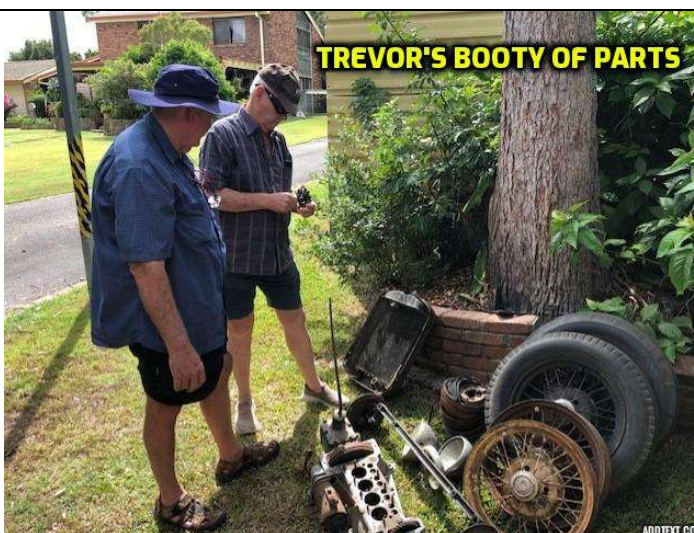
Report by Karyn & Neil



Under Doug and Robyn's gazebo, you had to get a seat early!



Gentlemen at rest after looking thru the parts



above right David Neville brought along this very interesting vintage Morris Minor restoration with a nice stylish two-seater body. These were built in competition with the Austin 7 beginning in 1928. It is a lot rarer than a Seven, and the chassis and engine were used in the MG M-type Midget.

REDLANDS COAST AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT

Thursday 26 January 2023

Australia Day 2023 and 588 vintage, classic and (*mostly*) 'other' vehicles converged throughout the morning onto the Ormiston State School grounds to celebrate this annual event organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc (BVRC). Members of the BVRC, ably assisted by our dual A7 members, were on site bright and early to BBQ the sausages, bacon and onions for breakfast. A free breakfast of these delicious items on a fresh roll began being served to the hungry early-comers from the Ormiston State School tuckshop window commencing around 6.30am. In all, around 1000 event participants consumed 78kg sausages, 30kg bacon and 20kg onions.

They want these all cooked, by WHEN.

There were no A7s in attendance on the day, most likely because not only was a 33°C day forecast, but also some of us had other events to attend that morning. It should be noted, however, that other than those of us travelling modern, the Clarks and the McDowells did drive their classic vehicles (*Mini and Austin Lancer*).





At around 8am, Cr Wendy Boglary from the Redland City Council officially opened the event in the covered sports court area of the school. As in past years, our dual club members Robyn, Valda and Sharon were strategically located at the entrance to the food area to sell raffle tickets for the various donated prizes displayed on an adjacent table. *(photo left)* The raffles were drawn later in the day, but unfortunately none of the 16 A7 members present (including partners) were lucky enough to win a prize.

As the morning progressed and at around 10am, several display cars were seen heading off on one of the local runs organised by the BVRC to a lunch stop on the Redlands Coast.



On behalf of our A7 Club and our members present on the day, congratulations go to the Bayside Club for organising yet another excellent, successful and well-patronised annual Australia Day event. It is also worth noting that all profits on the day went to “Sailability” – a fun, safe and welcoming environment where people with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the sport of sailing.

Neil

Lake Perkolilli **Red Dust Revival 2022**

Member Eddie Abrahams attended with his stripped to the chassis model T Ford (No 75) and he supplied your editor with a nice selection of photos from the event.

The Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival 2022 is well and truly done and dusted. The thousands of motoring enthusiasts who flocked to the Lake from 19 to 25 September 2022 witnessed the return of the Lake to its glory days as a motor racing circuit. Situated north east of Perth and well inland north of Esperance, the Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival celebrates the golden years of racing at Lake Perkolilli from 1914 to 1939 and cars built in this era are acceptable for the event.

This provides an enormous range of possibilities without having to revert to modern, post-1939 engines and chassis and bodywork. To enter the event, the cars suitable for Perkolilli have to look like the cars which people put together in those days. It was a very creative period so it opens up an enormous range of possibilities without having to make cars look like those (ugly) modern rat rods. It is very pleasing to see members of the hot rod movement going back to the pre-war roots of hot rodding and building cars which were true to the period using discarded parts from their hot rod projects



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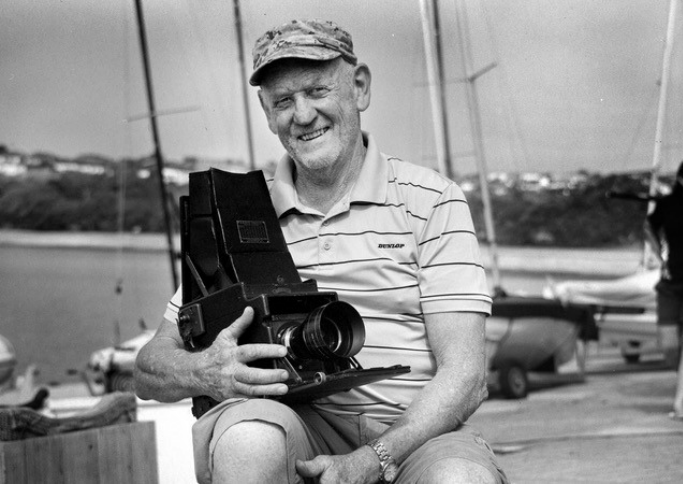
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Photos above: 1. Cars lined up on the starters"grid". 2. A gaggle of dusty Sevens, 3. A Ruby tourer, 4. A 1932/33 tourer, 5. A smart Bull Nosed Morris, 6 Eddies later Model T Ford, 7. A 3 litre Bentley and a early Austin 10, 8. A racing Seven. Interesting, roll bars are considered too modern for Perkollili!

TRANS -TASMAN NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DITCH

A Kiwi with a 110 year old Auto Graflex Camera is looking for special A7s to photograph

Our club has been contacted by a gentleman from Auckland, in NZ. He's preparing a coffee table book on A7's using his 110-year-old camera (he was a newspaper photographer for many years). Below is his email to President Steve.



*"Hi Steve
I'm an Austin Seven owner
since 1970 and I'm using a 110-year-old Auto
Graflex SLR 4X5 inch film camera* to produce a
coffee table book celebrating the Austin Seven.
I'm hoping that there are some unusual Austin 7s in
Australia that I could arrange to photograph using
this crazy old camera. I'm seeking anything like the
American Bantam and also the BMW Dix, for
example, but military or multi wheeled A7s would be
great. Cheers Geoff Dale"*

Phone NZ +6421555255 email info@geoffdale.co.nz



Above can be seen Geoff with his camera and two examples of Geoff's' photographic work also are shown.

Do YOU think you have a car as a subject suitable for Geoff to photograph?? Geoff seems to be steering away from the standard Chummies and Rubies of which there are plenty in New Zealand (old pre-war cars were kept on the road for a long time, even in the 1970s and 80s). He is seeking the unusual models like the BMW Dixi (there was one in Brisbane but may now be in Tasmania) and the American Bantam (there is one in Gympie). We have made a few suggestions including cars with bodies by Holden and Hope and Australian speciality body builder models like Wasps and Meteors and Aces. Wait to hear more on this interesting project.



The **Auto Graflex** was made in New York, and had a "New Simplified Focal Plane Shutter", a cloth curtain shutter that was simple, reliable and fast, with speeds up to 1/1000 sec. . The Auto Graflex was a single lens reflex camera for $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inch plates (quarter-plates) or film sheets. The Auto Graflex name applies to several models of Graflex's early SLR designs. It was available in $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, 4x5 sizes, with a reworked film back to permit changing the film orientation from landscape to portrait and vice versa. It was available from 1908 until the 1930's. This model has a drop bed front standard, permitting the use of lens boards, and offers limited lens movements.

New Zealand's Austin 7 Centennial Car Rally is a success.

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An impressive line-up of Austins in Timaru for the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally. Owners of pre-war Austin Baby Sevens revelled in the special rally marking 100 years of the arrival of the wee classic car.

There may have been a few breakdowns resulting in trailer rides, but the owners of the **59** pre-World War II cars involved in the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally were full of praise for the three-day event at the weekend, organiser Chris Chambers said. "The weather was great which meant open-top touring for many."

Chambers said it was fantastic to be able to get the rally under way after they had to cancel the original event in Easter 2022 because of Covid.

"It wouldn't have been possible without a lot of help."

Morning tea events were highlights at Rollesby Valley in the Mackenzie District and at Geraldine according to Chambers.

"There was also a bit of fun at the Village Green in Fairlie with some owners appearing to hook their vehicles to the electric car charger," Chambers said.



David Mills of Dunedin with his 1930 Austin 7 Tourer at the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally in Timaru. The vehicle is reportedly the first car to go through the Haast Pass back in the 1965.

He said that created some interest from passers-by and comments from the unwary.

Chambers said the Pleasant Point railway also drew a string of positive comments

"I think most went on the train so that would have boosted them."



Mike Stuart and Pat Bren from Napier in their Austin 7 Ulster at the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally in Timaru.

Chambers said the most popular car title was voted on by all, including members of the public, at lunch in Geraldine and went to a 1931 A7 Box saloon car owned by Herman van der Weert and Glenys Ferguson of Christchurch.

A "blind auction" on Saturday night raised \$1300, Chambers said. "I think it was a very happy rally and the feedback was great event, great rally.

Grandfather and grand-daughter, Steve and Holly (13) Bright of Feilding with their 1931 Austin 7 Special at the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally in Timaru.



Phil and Diane Friis of Hawke's Bay head off in their 1932 Austin 7 Special during the Vintage Austin Register's Austin Seven Centenary Rally in Timaru.

Not an Austin 7 but a lovely vintage car, being a 1929 MG M type Midget seen by the Editor in the main street in Whanganui on the North Island on the way up to New Plymouth on Boxing day.



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FOR SALE - CAR COLLECTION John and Suvipa Smith are in a bit of a pickle and need to sell their collection of cars (mostly?) residing at Cooran. They include a 1929 Austin Sports that has been recently rebuilt (I believe it was at the Bundaberg Rally). Other cars include a 1930 Model A Ford Tudor, 1926 Morris oxford 2 seater which have both been restored, a 1922 Citroen 5CV ¾ finished, a 1989 Ford Capri for everyday driving and a 1955 Fergie Tractor and slasher in reliable condition. For all enquiries please email John and Suvipa at suvipahotmail@icloud.com (2nd^{advert})
(We have heard since that John and Suvipa have a bit of a reprieve to do with their problem of staying in Queensland.- Editor Tim)

FOR SALE 1938 Austin 7 Ruby tourer (part restored)

Former member Don Macintyre met up with our club at the All-British Day in September and tells us he wants to sell his 1938 Ruby which is in pieces but pretty much all there with a few extras.

Motor: there are two complete motors. There are two reground crankshafts and 4 matching rods that have been re metalled and ground to suit. There is a set of new 20 thou o/s. pistons.

The body has been painted light blue with dark blue mudguards about 20 years ago by a retired

spray painter. **The seats** were redone about 20 years ago but filled with foam rubber. The fronts are modified buckets from an Austin A30. Being a 1938 tourer, it has the sporty cut down doors which makes more comfortable driving.

Lights and correct instruments are all there as well.

Wheels and tires: There is one set with 40-year-old tires and another full set of wheels that have been painted.

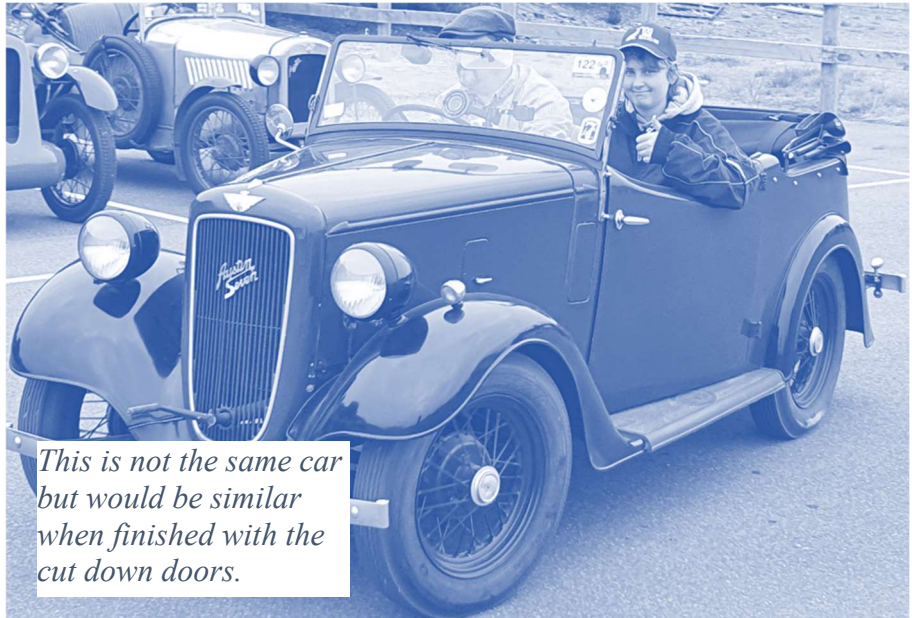
Spares: Don says there is 20 plastic boxes of spare parts which have been kept shut and everything is all together and been in dry storage and ready to inspect by any prospective buyer or buyers?

Gearboxes: there are two

Missing Hood (but there may be some bows?) and it will need to be all rewired as there is no harness!

Price \$8000 ono for car and all spares

If you want to know more, please ring Don and Jenny McIntyre on 0406 047 327 (3rd advert)



FOR SALE 1927 Austin 7 Chummy in Restored Condition

Alan Couser has decided it is time to sell his 1927 Chummy. The car was professionally restored 20 plus years ago by Guthrie Crash Repairs for Ron and Joan Gliddon. but is still in excellent running order on club registration. The body is pale yellow with black mudguards (previously grey as seen in this photo) It has been in the club for many years. Asking price is \$16000 ONO. Please contact Alan on 0403 504 709 or (07) 3349 9628, Mansfield, Brisbane. (3rd advert)

FOR SALE Box trailer to suit Austin 7

Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.



Fitted with over rider brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the internal lights, and 240-volt power outlet. Asking Price \$13,500 For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email bevandtrev7@bigpond.com Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour. (4th advert)

FOR SALE 1936 Austin 7 Tourer (restored)

The chassis no. is 283414 (which dates as 1938 according to Wyatt's Book) the miles on the speed are 61350. The colour is BRG. With black guards and new grey upholstery. It is a 4-seater. It runs quite well except for a bit of a flat spot in the carby.

The last previous owner passed away a few years ago. He spent a lot of money on it. Including a new wiring harness, 4 new tyres and had the differential overhauled. He also had the upholstery done as the original. The hood is in good condition and folds easily. Also has a full set of side curtains I believe that the clutch needs replacing and would like to do it myself, but health issues don't permit me. I live in Bowen and am asking \$15000 firm new owner to arrange for pick-up.

Regards Al. Anderson

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